

Dear Chairman Powell and Members of the FCC,

I urge you not only to reject sweeping new deregulation of the media,
but to roll back the disastrous media deregulation that has
occured
over the last 20 years.

It is hard for me to watch the people who support the rule
changes say with a straight face that the past changes to the
rules and the changes that are going to be voted on, on
Monday have diversified the content. All one has to do is turn
on cable and see the same shows and the same news on all
the channels. There is no choice for consumers now and to
make it even easier for a few big corporations to own all the
public airways would make it even worse. The fact that before
the last round of deregulation Clear Channel only owned 60+
stations and now they own over 1200 shows how
deregulations limits consumer choice.

My other concern is why the public was allowed little or no input
into this process. We own the public airways why aren't we
consulted when they are sold off to the highest bidder.

It's ironic to me that we castigate countries for having "State
Run" television when we are about to let our "free" press be
sold off to a few hugely rich corporations. In America freedom
of speech and the press only exist for those who can afford
them.

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